

# CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2007/08 BUDGET

## AGENCY 39 RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Recreation Department will help support the Mayor's vision to transform the government of the City of Detroit to the Next Detroit by applying the guiding principles of the Next Detroit Neighborhood Initiative and by bringing costs in line with revenues, while improving services.

The Detroit Recreation Department's purpose is to deliver the highest quality of service in the management of parks and leisure facilities, so that the City of Detroit is a place where children, families, and seniors, in the City of Detroit can grow and flourish.

### DESCRIPTION

The Recreation Department's core activities include: conducting and overseeing recreational programs for youth (including grant-supported programming for at risk young people), as well as programming for adults, senior citizens and citizens with physical and emotional disabilities. The Department operates recreational facilities, including parks, recreation centers and specialized facilities such as Historic Fort Wayne, Chene Park and Henderson Marina; and provides the means for public involvement in cultural arts.

Being no longer responsible for building, park, vehicle and equipment maintenance, nor grass cutting, and security services, the Recreation Department can now focus on providing the aforementioned core activities.

The Recreation Department provides opportunities for the public to participate in organized and informal activities in 308 parks, 16 recreation centers, 49 Department owned properties with other uses, 250 outdoor basketball courts, 150 tennis courts and golf courses. Major department facilities include Belle Isle, Chandler Park, Palmer Park, Rouge Park, Henderson Marina, Chene Park and Historic Fort Wayne.

### GOALS

1. Promote a safe community by the expanded development of parks and recreation programs.
2. Assist the City to become the Next Detroit by providing those who live, work and visit Detroit with opportunities to participate in a multiplicity of leisure experiences including recreation, sports, art and cultural enrichment.
3. Promote Department facilities and parks as environmental enhancements and anchors for viable neighborhoods, thereby increasing property values and attracting business growth and development to Detroit.
4. Aggressively reduce costs, maximize revenue collections and seek new methods to generate revenue.
5. Effectively influence City departments, agencies and communities to include parks, trees, and leisure opportunities in their planning.

### DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL GRANT	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES	\$28,807,810	\$937,392	\$4,085,000	\$33,830,202
REVENUES	<u>1,548,996</u>	<u>937,392</u>	<u>4,085,000</u>	<u>6,571,388</u>
NET TAX COST	\$27,258,814	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$27,258,814
POSITIONS	193	0	1	194